

ABSTRACT

A method of warning individuals about the top surface of a stove being hot involves applying to a portion said top surface surrounding each heating element of the stove a ring element of thermochromic composition that reveals a heat warning symbol to warn individuals that the heating element or near by area is too hot to touch. Liquid crystal or other thermochromic composition designed to undergo and maintain a readily perceptible color change at or above a specified temperature, such as 115 degrees Fahrenheit, is shaped in the outline of the word "HOT" or another heat warning symbol or is designed to change to a transparent color and thereby reveal underneath said composition a heat warning symbol shaped in such lettering or other warning symbol. Ring element is defined to includes a ring, an arc or a line surrounding the heating element and an arrow pointing to the heating element.